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Detailed Action

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

- (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.
- 1. Claims 1-13, 16-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sheridan et al. (US 6,725,032 B1) in view of Lozano et al. (US 5,982,869).

Regarding **claim 1**, Sheridan et al. (Sheridan) teaches a method of formatting data for populating a telecommunications switch, comprising the steps of downloading output formatted data from switch (the user work station 304 enters new configuration data, of the formatting data, for a component of the switching unit 216, and transmitting configuration data in HTML page to cell configuration system 302, for populating a switch; the cell configuration system 302 processing the received configuration data signal, saving the configuration data, and reconfiguring the switching unit 216 according to the received specified configuration data from work station 304, col. 5, line 61 to col. 6, line 6; the cell site 108 comprised a switch 204, Fig. 2, col. 3, lines 37- 48, abstract, Fig. 9, Fig. 15-24; the downloading by opening browser 314 on work station 304, for receiving configuration data in graphic representation of the components belongs to cell site 108, col. 5, lines 51-60), the editing the input formatted data (the navigation module 702 has screen, graphic representation of the cell components, to allow user to select the components to generate new configuration data, col. 8, line 53 to col. 9, line 18; the reconfiguring the switch according to

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the parameters specified in the configuration data, col. 6, lines 3-6), the transmitting the input formatted data to the switch and populating the switch with the input formatted data (the work station 304 transmits configuration data to cell site 108 for re-configuration of the switching unit 216 according to the parameter specified in the configuration data, col. 5, line 61 to col. 6, line 6). Sheridan fails to teach the converting the output formatted data into input formatted data acceptable for input to the switch, editing the input formatted data, although Sheridan teaches the cell configuration system 302 can format data for storing in database (col. 4, lines 24-29), the reformatting when configuration error occurs for rouging associated with DS0, DS1 (col. 7, lines 24-30). However, Lozano et al. (Lozano) teaches the converting the output formatted data into input formatted data acceptable for input to the switch (the converting format of routing table for plurality of switches, col. 2, line 8-17, col. 14, line 61 to col. 15, line 4; the converting, automatically configuring the call routing for international calls by providing a set of routing table to the switches, col. 1, line 61 to col. 2, line 7; the downloading routing table into each switch in col. 4, lines 57-67; the different class of the switches, class 1-5, col. 3 line 19 to col. 4, line 9; the commSHIP software for uploading, downloading routing table to switch in col. 11, line 54 to col. 13, line 47, Fig. 1-9; the adding, changing, deleting routing data in co.. 12, lines 10-25). Lozano teaches an improved technique for routing telephone calls for different countries, by flexibly reconfiguring the routing table in a switch (col. 1, lines 15-57). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Sheridan with Lozano's converting the format of the routing table for reconfiguring a switch, such that the telephone calls could be flexibly routed to the other counties.

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Regarding claim 2, Sheridan teaches the step of opening a link between a first computer system (304) and the switch (the switch 216 in cell site 108, the opening link in col. 5, lines 11-21; col. 5, lines 51-54), and transmitting the input formatted data to the switch via the link between the first computer and the switch (the work station 304 receiving the configuration data in graphical representation for the component in cell site 108, for user to enter new configuration, col. 5, line 54 to col. 6, line 6).

Regarding **claim 3**, Sheridan teaches the opening a telenet session a the first computing system (the opening a browser 314 on work station 304 in col. 5, lines 51-54) and establishing a communications link for transmitting data to and from the first computer system and the switch (the work station 304 establish connection with cell configuration system 302 for receiving configuration components of the cell site 108 in graphical representation, col. 5, lines 11-21; col. 5, lines 36-60).

Regarding **claim 4**, Sheridan teaches the steps of launching a data formatting program on the first computer system (the opening browser 314-316 in col. 5, lines 11-21, the graphical representation in col. 5, lines 51-54) and opening a graphic user interface for receiving downloaded output formatted data to switch (the graphical representation on work station 304 col. 5, lines 51-60; the user graphical display interface in col. 4, line 42 to col. 5, line 3), for reconfiguring, formatting, the switch components.

Regarding **claim 5**, Lozano teaches the editing the input formatted data including adding new data to the input formatted data according to the format of the input formatted data (the CommSHIP 706 for managing switches 714-720, by adding, changing, deleting routing data, col. 12, lines 11-25).

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Regarding **claim 6**, Lozano teaches the step of deleting data from input formatted data (col. 12, lines 11-25).

Regarding **claim 7**, Lozano teaches the step of transmitting the input formatted data to a second switch (the transmitting reformatted unique routing table to each switch, for the second switch, col. 15, lines 34-44).

Regarding **claim 8**, Lozano teaches the transmitting the input formatted data to a plurality of switches (the transmitting reformatted unique routing table to each switch, for the plurality of switches, col. 15, lines 34-44; plurality of switches in col. 6, line 23 to col. 7, line 19). Regarding **claim 9**, Lozano teaches the step for populating a second switch with the input

formatted data (the populating routing table to second switch, by transmitting reformatted routing table to each unique switch, col. 4, lines 57-63; col. 15, lines 34-44).

Regarding **claim 10**, Lozano teaches the step of populating a plurality of switches with the input formatted data (the reformatting routing table for each unique switch, col. 4, lines 57-63; col. 15, lines 34-44, for each particular, plurality of switches, col. 6, line 23 to col. 7, line 19).

Regarding claim 11, Lozano teaches the new data is NPA-NXXX data (the routing of call connection based on the NXXX 206 for the identified local central office (col. 4, lines 19-42).

Regarding **claim 12**, Lozano teaches the data including the routing information for call processing (the reformatted routing table for plurality of unique switches, col. 4, lines 57-63; col. 15, lines 34-44).

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Regarding claim 13, Sheridan teaches a method of formatting data for populating a wireless telecommunications switch (Fig. 10, switch 1004 for wireless communication in col. 12, line 22 to col. 13, line 17), with roaming information for roaming wireless telephone (the configuration module to enable entry of new configuration data for the remote cell site, for the roaming user in a wireless system in col. 23, lines 33-47; col. 24, lines 51-64; col. 25, lines 43-54), entering communication link data for establishing roaming service on roaming wireless telecommunication switch (the switch selection and configuration in Fig. 13 for configuring cell site 108 in Fig. 10 in col. 15, lines 13-20, the reconfiguring of the switch from switch selection and configuration 1310 in col. 15, line 49 to col. 16, line 23), the editing the input formatted data (the navigation module 702 has screen, graphic representation of the cell components, to allow user to select the components to generate new configuration data, col. 8, line 53 to col. 9, line 18; the reconfiguring the switch according to the parameters specified in the configuration data, col. 6, lines 3-6), the transmitting the input formatted data to the switch (the work station 304 transmits configuration data to cell site 108 for re-configuration of the switching unit 216 according to the parameter specified in the configuration data, col. 5, line 61 to col. 6, line 6). Sheridan fails to teach the converting the output formatted data into input formatted data acceptable for input to the switch, editing the input formatted data, although Sheridan teaches the cell configuration system 302 can format data for storing in database (col. 4, lines 24-29), the reformatting when configuration error occurs for rouging associated with DS0, DS1 (col. 7, lines 24-30). However, Lozano et al. (Lozano) teaches the converting the output formatted data into input formatted data acceptable for input to the switch (the converting format of routing table for plurality of

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switches, col. 2, line 8-17, col. 14, line 61 to col. 15, line 4; the converting, automatically configuring the call routing for international calls by providing a set of routing table to the switches, col. 1, line 61 to col. 2, line 7; the downloading routing table into each switch in col. 4, lines 57-67; the different class of the switches, class 1-5, col. 3 line 19 to col. 4, line 9; the commSHIP software for uploading, downloading routing table to switch in col. 11, line 54 to col. 13, line 47, Fig. 1-9; the adding, changing, deleting routing data in co.. 12, lines 10-25). Lozano teaches an improved technique for routing telephone calls for different countries, by flexibly reconfiguring the routing table in a switch (col. 1, lines 15-57). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Sheridan with Lozano's converting the format of the routing table for reconfiguring a switch, such that the telephone calls could be flexibly routed to the other counties.

Regarding **claim 16**, Sheridan teaches a method of formatting data for populating a telecommunications switch, comprising a data communication program (browser 314) operative to downloading output formatted data from switch (the browser 314 receiving graphical representation of cell site component, downloaded from cell configuration 302, for reconfiguration in col. 5, line 51 to col. 6, line 6), to copy the output formatted data to the graphic user interface of a switch script building program (the user graphic interface for configuring switch components in col. 4, line 30 to col. 5, line 21), to allow editing the input formatted data, to copy the input formatted data into data communication program (the navigation module 702 has screen, graphic representation of the cell components, to allow user to select the components to generate new configuration data, col. 8, line 53 to col. 9, line

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18; the reconfiguring the switch according to the parameters specified in the configuration data, col. 6, lines 3-6), the data communication program further operative to transmitting the

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input formatted data to the switch and to populate the switch with the input formatted data (the work station 304 transmits configuration data to cell site 108 for re-configuration of the switching unit 216 according to the parameter specified in the configuration data, col. 5, line 61 to col. 6, line 6). Sheridan fails to teach the converting the output formatted data into input formatted data acceptable for input to the switch, editing the input formatted data, although Sheridan teaches the cell configuration system 302 can format data for storing in database (col. 4, lines 24-29), the reformatting when configuration error occurs for rouging associated with DS0, DS1 (col. 7, lines 24-30). However, Lozano et al. (Lozano) teaches the converting the output formatted data into input formatted data acceptable for input to the switch (the converting format of routing table for plurality of switches, col. 2, line 8-17, col. 14, line 61 to col. 15, line 4; the converting, automatically configuring the call routing for international calls by providing a set of routing table to the switches, col. 1, line 61 to col. 2, line 7; the downloading routing table into each switch in col. 4, lines 57-67; the different class of the switches, class 1-5, col. 3 line 19 to col. 4, line 9; the commSHIP software for uploading, downloading routing table to switch in col. 11, line 54 to col. 13, line 47, Fig. 1-9; the adding, changing, deleting routing data in co.. 12, lines 10-25). Lozano teaches an improved technique for routing telephone calls for different countries, by flexibly reconfiguring the routing table in a switch (col. 1, lines 15-57). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one

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converting the format of the routing table for reconfiguring a switch, such that the telephone calls could be flexibly routed to the other counties.

Regarding **claim 17**, Sheridan teaches the opening a telenet session a the first computing system (the opening a browser 314 on work station 304 in col. 5, lines 51-54) and establishing a communications link for transmitting data to and from the first computer system and the switch (the work station 304 establish connection with cell configuration system 302 for receiving configuration components of the cell site 108 in graphical representation, col. 5, lines 11-21; col. 5, lines 36-60).

Regarding **claim 18**, Sheridan teaches a method of formatting data for populating a telecommunications switch, comprising the steps of downloading output formatted data from switch launching a data formatted program, copying the output formatted data into graphicial user interface (the downloading by opening data formatted program browser 314 on work station 304, for receiving configuration data in graphic representation of the components belongs to cell site 108, col. 5, lines 51-60), the opening a graphical user interface for receiving downloaded output formatted data from the switch (the user interface for receiving configuration data from switch 216 in cell site 108 in col. 4, line 15 to col. 5, line 21), the editing the input formatted data (the navigation module 702 has screen, graphic representation of the cell components, to allow user to select the components to generate new configuration data, col. 8, line 53 to col. 9, line 18; the reconfiguring the switch according to the parameters specified in the configuration data, col. 6, lines 3-6), the transmitting the input formatted data to the switch and populating the switch with the input formatted data (the work station 304 transmits configuration data to cell site 108 for re-configuration of the

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switching unit 216 according to the parameter specified in the configuration data, col. 5, line 61 to col. 6, line 6). Sheridan fails to teach the converting the output formatted data into input formatted data acceptable for input to the switch, editing the input formatted data, although Sheridan teaches the cell configuration system 302 can format data for storing in database (col. 4, lines 24-29), the reformatting when configuration error occurs for rouging associated with DS0, DS1 (col. 7, lines 24-30). However, Lozano et al. (Lozano) teaches the converting the output formatted data into input formatted data acceptable for input to the switch (the converting format of routing table for plurality of switches, col. 2, line 8-17, col. 14, line 61 to col. 15, line 4; the converting, automatically configuring the call routing for international calls by providing a set of routing table to the switches, col. 1, line 61 to col. 2, line 7; the downloading routing table into each switch in col. 4, lines 57-67; the different class of the switches, class 1-5, col. 3 line 19 to col. 4, line 9; the commSHIP software for uploading, downloading routing table to switch in col. 11, line 54 to col. 13, line 47, Fig. 1-9; the adding, changing, deleting routing data in co.. 12, lines 10-25). Lozano teaches an improved technique for routing telephone calls for different countries, by flexibly reconfiguring the routing table in a switch (col. 1, lines 15-57). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Sheridan with Lozano's converting the format of the routing table for reconfiguring a switch, such that the telephone calls could be flexibly routed to the other counties.

Regarding claim 19, Lozano teaches the editing the input formatted data including adding new data to the input formatted data according to the format of the input formatted data (the

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CommSHIP 706 for managing switches 714-720, by adding, changing, deleting routing data, col. 12, lines 11-25).

Regarding **claim 20**, Lozano teaches the step of deleting data from input formatted data (col. 12, lines 11-25).

Regarding **claim 21**, Lozano teaches the step of transmitting the input formatted data to a second switch (the transmitting reformatted unique routing table to each switch, for the second switch, col. 15, lines 34-44).

Regarding **claim 22**, Lozano teaches the transmitting the input formatted data to a plurality of switches (the transmitting reformatted unique routing table to each switch, for the plurality of switches, col. 15, lines 34-44; plurality of switches in col. 6, line 23 to col. 7, line 19).

2. Claims 14-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sheridan in view of Lozano, and further in view of Amin et al. (Us 5,845,207).

Regarding **claim 14**, Sheridan teaches the transmitting the output formatted data to the switch comprising downloading output formatted data on a roaming wireless communication for populating at the switch, by converting the output format data of the wireless remote cell site to user for reconfiguring of the cell site switch unit 216, as shown in claim 13 above. Sheridan and Lozano fail to teach the combining the input formatted data for the wireless telephone with the input formatted communication data. However, Amin et al. (Amin) teaches the second combined input formatted data to wireless communication network for routing call connection based on the received call code and augmenting information from a second telephone (abstract, Fig. Fig. 3C; col. 8, line 56 to col. 9, line 3), for combining the

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input formatted data from a wireless telephone. Amin teaches the call forwarding can be flexible according to the data profile from a second wireless telephone, for the speed dialing (col. 1, line 44 to col. 2, line 46). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify Sheridan above with Amin's call routing based on the data received from second wireless telephone for speed dialing, such that the system could be upgraded by routing the call connection flexibly according to the data from a second telephone.

Regarding claim 15, Amin taught above the transmitting the input formatted data from wireless telephone (second combined input formatted data to wireless communication network for routing call connection based on the received call code and augmenting information from a second telephone (abstract, Fig. Fig. 3C; col. 8, line 56 to col. 9, line 3; for combining the input formatted data from a wireless telephone). Sheridan taught above the input formatted communication link data to the switch 216, and the populating the switch with the input formatted data from a wireless work station associated with a remote cell site; for the populating the switch with combing input formatted data for Amin's wireless telephone and Sheridan's input formatted communication link data of the work station.

Conclusion

- The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.
 - A. US 6,574,661 B1, June 2003, Delano et al. teaches the software tool for enabling customer of the telecommunications network to modify the configuration of the routing plan,

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the reconfiguration of the routing plan (abstract, Fig. 8-15, col. 3, lines 31-64; col. 16, line 58 to col. 17, line 25).

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